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Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—"Why should the Commissioner of Police take action under the Motor Vehicles Act when he is administering only the Motor Vehicles Taxation Act?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—"Under the Motor Vehicles Taxation Act a certificate under the Motor Vehicles Act has also to be produced before the licensing officer."

Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar:—"Have any cases come to the notice of the hon. the Minister of persons, especially Police officers, who have not taken a licence under the Motor Vehicles Taxation Act?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—"No, Sir."

Public Health

Work done by the Public Analyst to the Government of Madras.

* 283 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. Arasu: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the nature of the work that is being done by the Public Analyst to the Government of Madras;

(*b*) the number of municipal councils and local bodies that have sought his help till now from the time of his appointment and the nature of the help or advice that those bodies sought of him; and

(*c*) whether any fee is being collected for any such advice rendered?

A.—(*a*) A statement [a] showing the nature of the work done by the Public Analyst is placed on the table.

(*b*) Mr. Hawley has been appointed Public Analyst for the Madras Corporation, 15 municipal councils and one panchayat board. Excepting the panchayat board and four municipal councils, the other local bodies have sought his help for analysing samples of food. He has also advised local bodies on technical matters involved in sampling, by circular and, when required individually, on special points.

(*c*) Contributions at the rate of Rs. 5,000 a year from the Madras Corporation and Rs. 720 a year from each of the other local bodies are being recovered towards the pay of the Public Analyst and laboratory charges. Each municipal council or local board concerned can send to the Public Analyst for analysis free of cost 15 samples of food every month, any sample sent in excess of this number in any particular month being analysed on payment of Rs. 7 per sample. No fees are levied for advice.

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Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"Is the Public Analyst authorized to undertake the work of analysing samples sent by private persons and companies?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—"Notice, Sir."

Staff employed in the office of the Director of Public Health.

*284 Q.—Rao Sahib B. Venkataramayya: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to lay on the table of the House a statement showing the staff employed in the office of the Director of Public Health and also state the number of men drafted from Andhra Desa and from other principal linguistic areas?

A.—A statement[a] showing the staff employed in the office of the Director of Public Health is laid on the table. Only a peon of the staff belongs to Andhra Desa (Vizagapatam district) and most of the rest to the Tamil districts of the Presidency.

Village Panchayats

Appointment of District Panchayat Officers by the District Boards.

*285 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state what District Boards have applied to the Government for permission to appoint District Panchayat Officers?

A.—Applications were received from the Presidents of the District Boards of Chingleput, Cuddapah, East Godavari, Ramnad, Trichinopoly and Vizagapatam for Government sanction to the appointment of District Panchayat Officers. Thereupon the Government issued a general order (G.O. No. 887, L. & M., dated the 16th March 1931) stating that they had no objection to District Boards appointing for the time being, competent persons for work connected with the formation and supervision of panchayats.

Abolition of the Village Panchayats at Pedacherukur, etc.

*286 Q.—Mr. G. Simhachalam Pantulu: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state with reference to his answer to question No. 432, dated 24th February 1931—

(a) whether the villagers have again memorialized to him; and
(b) if so, what action the Government propose to take thereon?

A.—A representation has now been received and it is being transferred to the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards for disposal with reference to the powers delegated to him in G.O. No. 498, L. & M., dated the 16th February 1931.

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